

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005. Claims 7-12 were allowed. Claims 1-6 and 13-23 were rejected. Claim 23 has been canceled. New claims 24-26 have been added. Claims 1-6, 13-22, and 24-26 are currently pending in the application. Further consideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to Abstract

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to because it exceeded 150 words in length. The abstract has been amended to fall within the 150 word limit.

Section 112 Rejections

Claims 1-6 and 13-23 were rejected for lack of antecedent basis. Independent claims 1, 13-15, 21, and 22 have been amended to provide antecedent basis for the claim limitations. In light of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-95500/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Respectfully submitted,



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